

Important Update about Provision of Formula Milk for newborn babies

1st April 2020

From 1st April 2020, formula milk will **no longer** be provided on Swan Ward or Bluebell Birth Centre.

We completely support parents who choose to feed their babies formula milk, however in line with other Trusts and also UNICEF guidance, we will no longer be providing the milk on any of the maternity wards.

If you are choosing to feed your baby with formula, please ensure you pack **pre-made bottles** in your hospital bag (available in supermarkets and many other shops), just like the ones below. Please note, there are no refrigerated storage facilities for formula milk within the maternity unit, so the smaller, single use bottles and teats (teats usually come in the boxes) need to be used.



If you are intending to breastfeed your baby, there is no need to bring these 'just in case'. If it is clinically indicated for your baby to have some formula milk, this will be provided for you.

Babies can feed a lot in the first couple of days of their life, (8-12 times in 24 hours) so please remember to bring enough!

Thank you for your understanding